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FOR LOS DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, CA
SUBJECT: LOS DEEP SEA BED MINING

REF: STATE 87490/1

1. VISIT BY AMBASSADOR TO SUDBURY NICKEL MINING CENTER
MAY 16 REVEALED THAT LOCAL LEADERS HAD INDEED BELIEVED
DISTORTED VERSION OF U.S. POSITION ON DEEP SEA BED
MINING ACCORDING TO WHICH NICKEL MARKET GROWTH ESTIMATED
TO BE 6 PERCENT WOULD BE A FLOOR FOR SEA BED OPERATIONS,
AND HAD BEEN EXPRESSING CONCERN TO OTTAWA.

2. NEITHER LOCAL OFFICIALS NOR INDUSTRY OR LABOR
LEADERS EXPRESSED CONCERN AT REAL U.S. POSITION. SUDBURY
NICKEL INDUSTRY, THEY SAY, IS "SULPHUR CONSTRAINED."
THAT IS, PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION IN ALLOWABLE SULPHUR
EMISSIONS, AS DECREED BY PROVINCE, NOW PREVENTS AND
WILL CONTINUE TO PREVENT SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO EXISTING
CAPACITY, ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES EXIST AND COSTS
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ARE LOWER THAN IN LATERITE OPERATIONS. THUS, SUDBURY
DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE BIDDING FOR MUCH IF ANY OF FUTURE
MARKET GROWTH EVEN THOUGH IT IS MOST EFFICIENT AND
LARGEST PRODUCER IN WORLD.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, GOC POSITION THAT CAP BE
SET AT HALF DEMAND GROWTH APPEARS EVEN LESS JUSTIFIED.

4. REFTEL GUIDANCE MOST HELPFUL. ENDERS

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Message Attributes

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